

The Athlete of Croatia

A Study Day in celebration of the display of the sculpture in the UK for the first time

BP Lecture Theatre and Clore Foyer

10 April 2015

Draft programme

9:30 – 9:50 Arrival and registration

9:50 – 10:00 Welcome

J Lesley Fitton

Keeper, Department of Greece and Rome, British Museum

10.00 – 10.20 The underwater discovery and recovery of the Athlete of Croatia

Iskra Karniš Vidovič

Senior conservator art historian, Croatian Conservation Institute, Zagreb.

10:20 – 10: 50 The Athlete of Croatia and current underwater archaeology in the eastern Adriatic

Peter B Campbell MA RPA

Southampton University

Archaeological Director, Albanian Center for Marine Research

10:50 – 11: 20 Panel discussion with the audience

Chaired by Dr Ross Thomas (Department of Greece and Rome, British Museum)

with Iskra Karniš Vidovič, Peter B Campbell and Michael Fischer, Oxford Maritime Trust.

11:20 – 11:45 Coffee in Clore Foyer

11:45 – 12:15 Ancient bronze sculpture: uses and re-uses

Dr Judith Swaddling (Department of Greece and Rome, British Museum)

12:15 – 12:45 An introduction to the exhibition *Defining Beauty: the body in ancient Greek art*

Dr Ian Jenkins (Department of Greece and Rome, British Museum)

12:45 – 1:00 discussion

1:00 – 3:00 Lunch and visit to the exhibition

Unaccompanied.

Timed entry may be necessary depending on numbers, but this will be confirmed on the day.

3:00 - 3:40 The investigation, conservation, research and presentation of the Athlete of Croatia

Iskra Karniš Vidovič

senior conservator art historian, Croatian Conservation Institute, Zagreb.

3:40 - 4:15 Bronze conservation in the British Museum

Marilyn Hockey and Fleur Shearman (Department of Conservation and Scientific Research, British Museum) with audience discussion

4:15 – 4:50 Dating dilemmas and stylistic scrutiny: the Apoxyomenos of Croatia

Dr Peter Higgs (Department of Greece and Rome, British Museum)

4:50 – 5:30 A new museum for the Athlete of Croatia on the island of Lošinj

Saša Randić, architect

5:30 – 5:40 Lošinj, island of vitality

Ana Kučić, Deputy Mayor, Mali Lošinj

5:40- 6:00 Discussion

6:00 Closing remarks and invitation to the reception

H.E. Dr. Ivan Grdešić, Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia

Reception in the Clore Foyer

This event is held by the British Museum in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian Conservation Institute, with the support of the Croatian Embassy in London.